

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 31, 2011

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1051

Introduced by Assembly Member Feuer

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 16204 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1051, as amended, Feuer. ~~State government: economic growth. government.~~

Existing law provides for the enforcement and collection of certain licensing fees, taxes, and charges levied by the state, and defines various terms for these purposes. Existing law authorizes an officer, as defined, to bring suit on behalf of the state against certain taxpayers to collect certain licensing fees, taxes, and charges owed to the state.

This bill would modify the definition of officer to include secretary.

~~Existing law authorizes various entities to regulate business within the state.~~

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that promotes the growth of small businesses by ensuring agencies design regulations that take care to avoid unduly burdensome or duplicative constraints on small business growth while maintaining consumer, worker, and environmental protections.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 16204 of the Business and Professions~~
2 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

3 ~~16204. “Officer” includes secretary, director, chief,~~
4 ~~commissioner, chairman, department, division, bureau,~~
5 ~~commission, board and any other person, officer or employee, and~~
6 ~~any agency, of or in the Government of this State state.~~

7 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
8 ~~following:~~

9 ~~(a) California’s approximately 3.6 million small businesses are~~
10 ~~the backbone of California’s \$1.8 trillion economy.~~

11 ~~(b) The vast majority, or approximately 97 percent, of private~~
12 ~~firm employers in California are small businesses.~~

13 ~~(c) The growth of small businesses is vital to California’s~~
14 ~~economic recovery.~~

15 ~~(d) Small businesses have different needs than large businesses,~~
16 ~~but have less of an ability to impact the formulation of regulations~~
17 ~~than large businesses.~~

18 ~~SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation~~
19 ~~that promotes the growth of small businesses by ensuring agencies~~
20 ~~design regulations that take care to avoid unduly burdensome or~~
21 ~~duplicative constraints on small business growth while maintaining~~
22 ~~consumer, worker, and environmental protections.~~